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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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Week ending August 15, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 15, 2010**. Hot, dry weather has pushed Mississippi to an early harvest this year. Indications from the field are that irrigated crops survived the severe conditions well, but non-irrigated fields have suffered. Across the state, there are reports of disease and insect damage, particularly from armyworms in hay fields. Soil moisture was rated 14 percent very short, 31 percent short, 54 adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending August 15, 2010

| Crop                       | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
|                            | Percent   | Percent   | Percent   | Percent        |
| Corn, dough                | 100       | 100       | 100       | 100            |
| Corn, dent                 | 98        | 94        | 97        | 96             |
| Corn, mature               | 86        | 61        | 55        | 66             |
| Corn, harvested            | 30        | 10        | 7         | 13             |
| Corn Silage, harvested     | 90        | 66        | 77        | 85             |
| Cotton, setting bolls      | 100       | 99        | 98        | 99             |
| Cotton, open bolls         | 28        | 12        | 3         | 11             |
| Hay-Warm Season, harvested | 79        | 70        | 79        | 78             |
| Rice, headed               | 99        | 95        | 82        | 90             |
| Rice, mature               | 64        | 24        | 5         | 14             |
| Rice, harvested            | 5         | 1         | 0         | 0              |
| Sorghum, heading           | 100       | 100       | 100       | 99             |
| Sorghum, coloring          | 94        | 80        | 73        | 87             |
| Sorghum, mature            | 63        | 27        | 20        | 46             |
| Sorghum, harvested         | 0         | --        | 0         | 15             |
| Soybeans, blooming         | 100       | 100       | 100       | 100            |
| Soybeans, setting pods     | 97        | 94        | 97        | 98             |
| Soybeans, turning color    | 45        | 25        | 24        | 41             |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves  | 23        | 9         | 6         | 22             |
| Soybeans, harvested        | 5         | --        | 0         | 7              |
| Sweet Potatoes, harvested  | 1         | --        | 0         | 0              |
| Watermelons, harvested     | 100       | 99        | 100       | 100            |

Crop condition for week ending August 15, 2010

| Item           | Very poor | Poor    | Fair    | Good    | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
|                | Percent   | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent   |
| Corn           | 5         | 17      | 28      | 41      | 9         |
| Cotton         | 4         | 10      | 29      | 44      | 13        |
| Hay            | 2         | 12      | 29      | 43      | 14        |
| Livestock      | 1         | 5       | 42      | 45      | 7         |
| Pasture        | 2         | 11      | 48      | 33      | 6         |
| Peanuts        | 0         | 0       | 13      | 82      | 5         |
| Rice           | 0         | 3       | 20      | 49      | 28        |
| Sorghum        | 3         | 6       | 27      | 61      | 3         |
| Soybeans       | 6         | 13      | 29      | 39      | 13        |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0         | 1       | 7       | 56      | 36        |

## Comments

“Corn harvesting is going good and the soybean harvest is just getting started. Growers are still watering, but crops are maturing early due to hot, dry weather.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Continued hot weather is affecting most crops in the area. Scattered showers have alleviated some of the heat. Armyworms are continuing to be an issue throughout the county.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Aerial blight in soybeans is not common for the area but has been confirmed in a large percentage of soybean fields.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The hot, dry weather has the crops maturing faster than normal. Corn harvest is in full swing, soybean and rice harvest has started, and some cotton defoliation has gone out.

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Non-irrigated soybeans are being harvested with green leaves, pods, and stems present. Moisture levels are far below what the elevator requires, but producers must harvest what pods are ready on the plant to prevent them from popping out.”

— Strider McCroy, Sunflower

“Corn is drying down and soybeans are looking very good.”

— Brittany Reyer, Scott

“Rice harvest is expected to be in full swing by end of this week. Cotton will begin to be harvested in the next few days. Non-irrigated yields are very low, but irrigated acres are yielding competitively.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Some corn and soybeans have been harvested. Growers are still watering.”

— Don Repess, Quitman

“Scattered showers have helped, but we still need a good rain for the soybeans and cotton. Armyworms are in pastures, hay fields, and lawns. I am averaging over twelve calls a day just on them.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rice harvest is moving along at a steady pace. Most non-irrigated soybeans have been harvested, and cotton is beginning to be defoliated. We are in full harvest mode. It is still hot and dry.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“We need to accept that this year not only has localized drought been a major factor in our agriculture, but the high temperatures that have persisted since mid June have been very damaging to all crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The past few days' rains have boosted the optimism of hay producers that might have expected to be a little short on the winter hay inventory. Armyworms continue to shred hay fields of forage and the battle continues. Extremely high temperatures this past week have made outside activity really tough.”

— Houston Therrell Rankin

“Corn harvest has begun in many fields. Recent rains have brought much needed relief to many soybean and cotton fields that are setting pods and bolls.”

— Reid Nevins Clay

“There has been scattered showers this past week.”

— Thomas Brewer, Jefferson Davis

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 15, 2010

| Division/Station     | Air Temperature |     |     |      |     | Precipitation |       |           |            |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|
|                      | Max             | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week      | DFN   | Rain Days | Four Weeks |
| <b>Upper Delta</b>   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Clarksdale           | 99              | 76  | 87  | 81   | 6   | 0.00          | -0.56 | 0         | 4.61       |
| Cleveland            | 102             | 77  | 89  | 82   | 7   | 0.07          | -0.49 | 2         | 0.67       |
| Lambert 1W           | 102             | 71  | 89  |      |     | 0.12          | -0.51 | 1         | 1.49       |
| Tunica 2N            | 96              | 79  | 87  | 80   | 7   | 0.20          | -0.36 | 1         | 1.47       |
| Extreme/Average      | 102             | 71  | 88  | 81   | 7   | 0.10          | -0.46 | 1         | 2.06       |
| <b>North-Central</b> |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Batesville 2SW       | 99              | 75  | 87  | 79   | 8   | 0.00          | -0.63 | 0         | 1.60       |
| Hickory Flat         | 100             | 73  | 86  | 79   | 7   | 0.14          | -0.66 | 2         | 1.49       |
| Holly Springs        | 102             | 73  | 86  | 78   | 8   | 0.27          | -0.50 | 1         | 2.47       |
| Independence         | 97              | 75  | 86  | 79   | 7   | 0.13          | -0.52 | 3         | 2.34       |
| Oxford               | 100             | 75  | 87  | 79   | 8   | 0.46          | -0.31 | 1         | 3.40       |
| Water Valley         | 101             | 74  | 87  | 80   | 7   | 0.20          | -0.57 | 1         | 1.54       |
| Extreme/Average      | 102             | 73  | 86  | 80   | 6   | 0.20          | -0.51 | 1         | 2.14       |
| <b>Northeast</b>     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Booneville           | 98              | 74  | 85  | 79   | 6   | 0.00          | -0.77 | 0         | 2.71       |
| Corinth 7SW          | 99              | 73  | 86  | 81   | 5   | 0.21          | -0.45 | 1         | 2.40       |
| Iuka                 | 97              | 69  | 83  | 77   | 6   | 0.00          | -0.84 | 0         | 0.06       |
| Tupelo 2             | 99              | 75  | 87  |      |     | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0         | 1.16       |
| Verona               | 102             | 75  | 87  | 80   | 7   | 0.00          | -0.84 | 0         | 3.37       |
| Extreme/Average      | 102             | 69  | 86  | 80   | 6   | 0.04          | -0.66 | 0         | 2.19       |
| <b>Lower Delta</b>   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Belzoni              | 100             | 75  | 87  | 81   | 6   | 0.00          | -0.71 | 0         | 5.40       |
| Moorhead             | 102             | 76  | 89  | 82   | 7   | 0.06          | -0.47 | 1         | 1.26       |
| Rolling Fork         | 101             | 74  | 88  | 81   | 7   | 0.57          | -0.03 | 2         | 2.20       |
| Stoneville Exp       | 103             | 74  | 89  | 82   | 7   | 0.10          | -0.32 | 2         | 1.78       |
| Yazoo City           | 101             | 76  | 88  | 82   | 6   | 0.75          | -0.03 | 2         | 1.88       |
| Extreme/Average      | 103             | 74  | 88  | 82   | 6   | 0.30          | -0.30 | 1         | 2.50       |
| <b>Central</b>       |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Canton 4N            | 100             | 73  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 0.20          | -0.50 | 2         | 2.83       |
| Carthage             | 98              | 72  | 85  | 80   | 5   | 0.30          | -0.52 | 3         | 0.85       |
| Eupora 2E            | 101             | 73  | 86  | 79   | 7   | 0.35          | -0.28 | 1         | 2.34       |
| Forest 3S            | 97              | 70  | 84  | 80   | 4   | 1.62          | 0.66  | 3         | 2.10       |
| Kosciusko            | 96              | 74  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 0.12          | -0.68 | 1         | 5.15       |
| Winona 5E            | 99              | 71  | 85  | 77   | 8   | 0.23          | -0.47 | 3         | 1.85       |
| Extreme/Average      | 101             | 70  | 85  | 80   | 5   | 0.47          | -0.30 | 2         | 2.56       |
| <b>East-Central</b>  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Aberdeen             | 101             | 75  | 87  | 80   | 7   | 0.00          | -0.63 | 0         | 1.04       |
| Columbus             | 100             | 74  | 87  | 81   | 6   | 1.89          | 1.08  | 4         | 2.81       |
| Macon                | 98              | 74  | 86  | 81   | 5   | 0.71          | -0.13 | 3         | 3.75       |
| Philadelphia         | 101             | 73  | 86  | 80   | 6   | 1.51          | 0.67  | 2         | 2.24       |
| State University     | 102             | 74  | 88  | 80   | 8   | 0.58          | -0.17 | 2         | 0.95       |
| Extreme/Average      | 102             | 73  | 87  | 81   | 6   | 0.94          | 0.20  | 2         | 2.16       |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Brookhaven City      | 96              | 73  | 85  | 80   | 5   | 1.12          | 0.14  | 2         | 3.52       |
| Crystal Springs      | 96              | 72  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 4.03          | 3.26  | 4         | 8.54       |
| Natchez              | 95              | 74  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 4.02          | 3.17  | 3         | 10.17      |
| Port Gibson 1NE      | 99              | 74  | 85  | 80   | 5   | 0.59          | -0.11 | 2         | 2.83       |
| Vicksburg            | 98              | 76  | 87  |      |     | 0.65          | 0.00  | 1         | 3.56       |
| Woodville 4ESE       | 95              | 72  | 85  | 82   | 3   | 0.15          | -0.83 | 1         | 3.28       |
| Extreme/Average      | 99              | 72  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 1.76          | 0.85  | 2         | 6.28       |
| <b>South-Central</b> |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Collins              | 97              | 72  | 84  | 81   | 3   | 0.35          | -0.56 | 2         | 2.20       |
| Columbia             | 98              | 74  | 85  | 82   | 3   | 2.32          | 1.27  | 2         | 5.59       |
| Monticello           | 100             | 74  | 87  | 81   | 6   | 0.08          | -0.83 | 1         | 0.57       |
| Raleigh 6N           | 96              | 70  | 83  |      |     | 1.80          | 0.00  | 2         | 6.37       |
| Tylertown            | 94              | 73  | 83  | 81   | 2   | 4.77          | 3.68  | 5         | 12.67      |
| Extreme/Average      | 100             | 70  | 84  | 81   | 3   | 1.86          | 0.84  | 2         | 4.72       |
| <b>Southeast</b>     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |
| Hattiesburg          | 96              | 74  | 83  | 82   | 1   | 0.61          | -0.49 | 2         | 4.94       |
| Laurel               | 98              | 74  | 84  | 81   | 3   | 0.73          | -0.19 | 4         | 2.17       |
| Newton Exp           | 100             | 71  | 85  | 80   | 5   | 0.20          | -0.66 | 1         | 1.49       |
| Waynesboro 2W        | 99              | 76  | 87  | 80   | 7   | 0.75          | 0.02  | 2         | 3.41       |
| Extreme/Average      | 100             | 71  | 85  | 81   | 4   | 0.57          | -0.28 | 2         | 3.00       |
| <b>State</b>         | 103             | 69  | 86  | 81   | 5   | 0.76          | -0.01 | 2         | 3.20       |

DFN = Departure from Normal.